Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—Six persons have been appointed. I am not aware of the recommendations.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—May I know on what basis these Probationary Assistant Engineers are appointed ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—There is a rule that these appointments must be made on the communal basis. So they are appointed on that basis.

Sri Y. VEERAPPA.—Was there any foreign trained applicant ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—I want notice.

Sri N. RACHIAH.—May I know whether the Government would be pleased to appoint Scheduled Castes if they are qualified ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—That is a suggestion for action.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—Are these appointments made according to population basis ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is stated that a proportion has been fixed.

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—Had the Government fixed the number of appointments to be made from each community ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—It is generally agreed that as for as possible appointments be made on the population basis keeping in view the merits of the candidates.

A MEMBER.—May I know whether the applications from the foreign trained candidates will be considered first ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—That is a suggestion for action.

Dearness Allowance to Employees Classed as 'Temporary', working in Electrical Department.

Q.—291. Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN (Kolar Gold Fields).

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of employees that are classed as 'temporary', working in the Government Electricity Department (figures may be printed region-wise, *i.e.*, former Mysore, Bombay Karnataka, etc.) ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that their rates of Dearness Allowance were not revised to the same extent as in the case of other employees during the recent revision of salaries, etc. ;

(*c*) the Dearness Allowance admissible in the case of such temporary employees ?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works).

(*d*)—Former Mysore State ... 3,200

Integrated areas—

1. North Kanara, Dharwar, Belgaum and Bijapur	...	Bombay Karnataka	50
2. South Kanara and Kollegal	...	Madras area ...	152
3. Raichur and Gulbarga	...	Hyderabad area ...	52
4. Coorg	...	...	25

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Old rate of dearness allowance.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—May I know whether the information given covers only in respect of the temporary daily rated employees ?

*Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—Yes.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—What is the rate of D.A. given to monthly rated employees ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—They are given the new rate of dearness allowance.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Why is this discrimination between the monthly rated and daily rated employees ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—There is no discrimination. Whenever a temporary work is over these persons cease to work. When a fresh work is taken up these persons are recruited if they care to come. Therefore they are being given differential treatment. But the whole question is actively under the consideration of the Government.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Is it not a fact that temporary employees from Hyderabad have sent in representations ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—We have received representations from all areas.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Is it not a fact that their claims have been rejected ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—It is not correct. The question has to be examined.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Will you kindly look into this ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH—It is hardly necessary. If rules permit, it will be done.

Supply of Electric Power for Irrigation Pump Sets to Hanur, Kollegal Taluk.

Q.—272. Sri G. VENKATAIGOWDA (Palaiyam).

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the estimate for the supply of power for irrigation pump sets to Hanur in Kollegal Taluk has been sanctioned;

(*b*) if not, the stage at which it is pending ?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) The estimate for 91 Irrigation Pumping Sets in Hanur, Battaguppa and Halepuram in Kollegal Taluk has been prepared and scrutinised.

Sri G. VENKATAIGOWDA.—May I know the probable time when the estimates would be sanctioned ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—The fact is this, Sir. There is no fresh sanction for fresh work for 1957-58. Out of the grant of Rs. 38 lakhs now provided for these works, it will be taken up. As soon as the Government gives sanction, this work will be taken up.

Letter from the Prime Minister that Ministers should be Less Pompous.

Q.—309. Sri G. SIVAPPA (Chitaldrug).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether there is any letter from the Prime Minister of India to the Chief Ministers of States—including State of Mysore—to the effect that the Ministers should be less pompous ?

A.—Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—

The State Government has not received any communication.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—May I know whether the Leader of the House has received any letter from the Prime Minister of India ?

*Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—The reply is already there. It is generally felt and everybody has seen in the Press that the Prime Minister wants us to have less pomp and less show.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—Is it not a fact that when the Chief Ministers' Conference took place in Delhi, the Prime Minister was particular in vacating his present quarters and also in implementing the idea of being simple and less pompous ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—I do not think I can say that. But it is true that all along we have been told to be less pompous and less showy.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—Is it not a fact that the Prime Minister of India, with a view to implement what he said, is going to a very small house ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—I am not aware of that.

Sri A. R. BADRI NARAYAN.—Are the Ministers in Mysore pompous ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—Certainly not.

Sri G. VENKATAIGOWDA.—Apart from any directions, either given or not given, is it not the principle underlying the Congress Government to be less pompous ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—I have never felt that we are pompous.

Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—May I know whether the Government have any intention of reducing the pay of Ministers ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question of intention is outside the scope of this question.

A MEMBER.—Is not flying flags on cars a pompous show ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—That is a matter of opinion.